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11. We presented reftel points to Gerry McGuire, Acting Assistant Secretary for Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, on January 23. McGuire conveyed GOA appreciation for the U.S. response, including support for the name change, draft "awareness raising" guidelines and convening a meeting of the discussion group before or on the margins of the 2008 plenary.

12. McGuire said he is planning to schedule a meeting of the oligonucleotide discussion group on Monday afternoon, April 14, before the April 15 AG plenary so as to be able to report on the discussion group's findings. He noted the timing was also driven by the fact that Australia's expert on the subject needs to depart early for the back-to-back CWC meeting.

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